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NEW NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started working out strategies for different crops and geographical regions on the basis of newly framed National Agriculture Policy;

(b) if so, whether the main thrust of New Agriculture Policy is to provide management ofland and water preservation of genetic resources;

(c) if so, whether the Government are favouring leasing of land for farming on viable and larger scale; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the Government have started working on this policy and the States expected to render the policy a success?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) In order to operationalise the National Agriculture Policy, a comprehensive Action Plan isunder preparation in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments of Government ofIndia, State Governments and other concerned agencies.An Inter-Departmental Committee has been constituted for preparation of the Action Plan. As stated in the National Agriculture Policy, a regionally differentiated strategy is under preparation, taking into action the agronomic, climatic and environmental conditions to realize the full growth potential of every region.

(b) In order to promote sustainable development of agriculture, the Government, under the National Agriculture Policy, will endeavour to promote preservation of natural resources including land, water and genetic endowment with economically viable and environmentally conducive techniques.

(c) Under the new Agriculture Policy, the Government intends to encourage private sector participation through contract farming and land leasing arrangements to allow accelerated technology transfer, capital inflow and assured markets, for crop production.

(d) Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments are actively involved informulation and implementation of the Action Plan for operationalization of the National Agriculture Policy. Government is already implementing many Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancement of production and productivity of agriculture and allied sectors.